

Rev. Thornton's Trip to "Grown in Mississippi" Meeting at Jackson, Miss

The Grown In Mississippi Association in its first meeting at Jackson, Mississippi last week was not so largely attended, nor so broad in its field of endeavor as the Southern Industrial Conference at Chattanooga, Tenn., last April; but many good things were set on foot that promise much to Mississippi in the future.

Prominent among these good things, is a plan to get Mississippi to feed herself. It was shown that Mississippi soil is specially adapted to the growth of a great variety of fruits, vegetables, grasses and small grain, as well as corn and cotton, the two staple crops. It was also shown that domestic animals of all kinds do well in Mississippi. This has been actually demonstrated as Mississippi cattle now stand at the head and Mississippi mules and horses raised with proper care in breeding and feeding are among the best. It was further shown that Mississippi soil under similar preparation, seeding and cultivation will produce more and better corn per acre than Iowa, the state from which Mississippi ships so much corn. Madison county was held up as the banner county in improved diversified farming. In 1911, there was shipped into the county 40 cars of corn, 60 cars of hay, and 50 cars of oats, besides a great quantity of mixed feed. In 1909, a western stock, hay and grain farmer bought large farm and set up business about three miles from Canton, the county site. In 1911, the county through the Board of Supervisors, in co-operation with the government, employed a well informed active Farm Demonstrator for full time among the farmers. The Demonstrator and the western stock, hay and grain farmer soon convinced the farmers of the county that diversification is essential to obtain the best results from farming. As a result, there were shipped out of the county in 1914, 50 cars of corn, 60 cars of oats, 80 cars of hay, 9400 bushels of Lespedeza seed, 5 cars of beef cattle, and 3 cars of bacon hogs. The people are prosperous, contented and happy. What has been done in Madison can be done in Chickasaw county.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETS.

This subject was well discussed, and the need of nation, state, county, and community co-operation was emphasized as necessary to enable and profitably to market their products. There seemed to be a disposition on the part of those present to "Put First Things First," that is to put the things necessary to LIFE in a class before the things that are mere conveniences in life. All food and raiment come primarily from the soil, then the production of these necessities should be placed in a class before commerce, transportation or banking the conveniences in handling these necessities, and hence should have first consideration.

GOOD ROADS.

This subject was given extra time, and the most intelligently discussed that I have ever heard. After a short talk by L. E. Boykin, Good Roads Economics, Washington, D. C., the president of the Mississippi Highway Association D. J. Morris declared the House in a Round Table Discussion. L. E. Boykin, Washington, D. C., E. N. Lowe, Geologist and Director of Good Roads, Jackson, Miss., were kept busy in answering such questions as, "which is best San-Clay, Burnt Clay, or Graveled roads?" Mr. Lowe answered, "That depends on local conditions—where natural formations exist, San-Clay make the easiest, most durable, and economical roads in existence. With proper drainage and correct balancing of the two materials, you have as good roads as can be made. By this is meant, where either element predominates, a sufficient amount of the other element must be supplied. This answer confirmed my belief that over a large part of Chickasaw county, we can build good San-Clay roads cheaply. The next question elicited much discussion and high gratification. "Has Mississippi within her borders Good Roads material?" Mr. Lowe answered—I quote verbatim—"We have within our borders an inhaustible supply of the finest materials. It is a crime against economic laws to permit importing road materials into our State as has been done in some instances hundreds of miles from distant states, when we have a better article right at our door, and even a better article right at our door, and even often obtainable along road-ways that are constructed." Can you give an instance where a road has been built of material gathered along the road-way? Mr. Lowe's answer. "Prof J. W. Provine built seven miles of road, at a cost of \$1,100 per mile, running west from Clinton, of material gathered along the road-way." This answer, brought out several automobiles, and we ran over the nine miles of road between, Jackson and Clinton built of Tishomingo gravel at a cost of \$5,000 per mile, and on over the seven miles of native gravel, equally as good, if not better built at a cost of \$1,100 per miles. This discussion and trip brought to my mind a statement that I made at Brown's school house, seven years ago, on Rural School Consolidation, in which I referred to Good Roads as necessary the Rural School Consolidation. I then and there affirm that I believed we had the materials at hand for building Good Roads over the central part of the county, and offered to give ten dollars if nine other men would give alike sum each, and we would use the hundred dollars in testing the black gravel on the hill running from the Sam Hall place to

Cebe Parkers home. I took a cigar box of that gravel to Chattanooga, and, it was pronounced first class material of which to build roads in Gumbo Clay, and black mack prairie, such as forms the east incline of Hall hill, and through the Post oak soils east of Long Creek.

We are waking up. What we need to do is carefully take our bearings before we rush into any new proposition. Good Roads are essential to the best interest of all classes, but they can be built more economically.

I am a member of the Mississippi Highway Association and will be glad to furnish literature that gives information about the material, construction, and cost of Good Roads.

SPEAKING DATES FOR THE GRAND ROUNDS.

The following are the dates the county candidates will address the voters at their respective voting places:

Woodland,	Monday, July 19th
Sparta,	Tuesday, July 20th
Atlanty,	Wednesday, July 21st
Pleasant Grove,	Thursday, July 22nd
Beeson,	Friday, July 23rd
Houlika,	Saturday, July 24th
McConday,	Monday, July 26th
Buena Vista,	Tuesday, July 27th
Egypt,	Wednesday, July 28th
Van Vleet,	Thursday, July 29th
Okolona,	Friday, July 30th
Houston,	Saturday, July 31st

J. E. DENDY.

Chairman.

Notice to Contractors.

State of Mississippi.

Chickasaw County.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw county, Miss., will receive sealed bids within legal hours, on Monday the 5th day of July, 1915, at the Court house in the town of Houston for the construction of the following bridges.

1 20 ft steel bridge on Fuller road near Cane creek.

1 50 ft steel bridge on County Line road a cross Big Tubby.

1 36 ft steel bridge on County Line road across Little Tubby.

1 30 ft steel bridge on Babbit road across Red Bud creek.

1 30 ft steel bridge on Babbit road across ditch on pike.

1 16 ft steel bridge on Babbit road across ditch on pike.

1 90 ft steel bridge on Babbit road across Walker creek.

1 45 ft steel bridge on Woodland and Congress road across Cane creek.

1 200 ft steel bridge Chuquatonchee bottom on Egypt and Buena Vista road.

1 100 ft steel bridge Chuquatonchee bottom on Egypt and Buena Vista road.

1 50 ft steel bridge Chuquatonchee bottom on Egypt and Buena Vista road.

1 20 ft steel bridge Chuquatonchee bottom on Egypt and Buena Vista road.

1 50 ft steel bridge across Bogue Culley on Buena Vista and McCondy road.

1 50 ft steel bridge across Chuquatonchee on Houston and Okolona road.

1 100 ft steel bridge Chuquatonchee Pike on Houston and Okolona road.

1 60 ft steel bridge Chuquatonchee Pike on Houston and Okolona road.

1 30 ft steel bridge Chuquatonchee Pike on Houston and Okolona road.

1 50 ft steel bridge across Owl Creek-Houlika and Okolona road.

All to be built according to plans and specifications on file with the Chancery Clerk in Houston, Miss.

The Board to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder but reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Each bid must be accompanied with a certified check for \$500.00.

Witness my signature this the 10th day of June 1915.

H. E. Brannon, Clerk.

Baxter N. Knox

Attorney-at-Law

Office over Tabb Bros., Drug Store
HOUSTON, MISSISSIPPI

I have been thinking for some time that I would take up with you the question of school consolidation. It is no longer an experiment. Even in Mississippi—more especially the southern part—we have succeeded admirably well, not only in consolidating a few schools but in demonstrating the fact that it is a success. The day is rapidly approaching when the rural child will have equal opportunity with the town child. Its approach depends on the rapidity with which our people accept the consolidation idea.

I am not going to try to dictate to you of this neighborhood—not even my own school district,—what you shall do, but I have studied your school problem seriously for the past twelve months and firmly believe that it is best for us of Houlika to invite you to come, and for you to accept the invitation. Whether you agree with me or not, I do not know. I hope this statement will put you to thinking, cause us to have a few "Get together" meetings, and finally result in that which, after mature deliberation, we decide it best for all concerned.

The New Houlika School is not a Separate District, but merely a public school of Chickasaw County, supplemented by a town levy and the balance paid as school tuitions by those sending. We need a separate School District or a Consolidated District. To have the former, we need a larger assessed "valuation" and that is gradually coming as our Town improves—but we cannot afford to wait—our children are growing into womanhood and manhood. It is up to us to do the best for them. To have the latter, we must open up the way for consolidation, by inviting our friends to join us. We must have not less than 12 square miles—25 being the ideal. The consolidated District has all the advantages of the Separate School District and more. It has not only the right to raise funds, by taxation, or float bonds for building purposes; but in addition it is still a County Public School under the watchful care of the county superintendent. It may also transfer, at public expense pupils who live more than two miles.

Now to get the benefits of consolidation this year. It must be done not later than JULY. Think of it! JULY! It is almost here now.

If you want to look into the matter let me know. I will try to find a time when our county superintendent can be with us, also Mr. Calhoun, Rural School Supervisor with whom I talked over the matter at Oxford last week; and let you know through the columns of The Hummer. The paper that hums to to the tune of Progress.

Sincerely,
J. J. Weaver

Mr Earl Palmer of Paducah, Ky. is in the city looking after his interest here.

HOULKA LOCAL NEWS

Hurrah for the Fourth.

Come! Come!! Come!!!

On Saturday July the third at Houlika there will be a big Fourth of July celebration with the following features: Big basket dinner, with plenty of ice water, contest in base ball, basket ball, tennis in singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the following: Sack race, 100 yard dash, climbing greased pole, running broad jump and other events. These contests are open to all that desire to participate.

All candidates are cordially invited to be present. Everybody come as the ladies will furnish dinner for all. See next week's paper for further particulars.

Mrs. O M Harrill left Saturday evening for a few days visit to friends and relatives in the growing city of Pontotoc.

On the 18th Hal Hollingsworth brought in one of the biggest cotton squares ever seen in this office. It was plucked on the well tilled farm of Will Cole east of old Houlika.

The Hummer happily thanks Mr. R B Richardson for a big heaping peck of juicy peaches, apples and plums. He has a fine orchard and always realizes a nice amount from the summer sales of eager customers. Thanks once more.

The tennis boys in town are showing championship form all at once. Altho' they serve to the bystanders much interest it is also observed that they raise many rackets with good net results. Several onlookers are yet "jubilant" as to "love-forty."

Mr Newt Marion and Miss Carrie Marion were in town Saturday. Thanks to them for some nice apples from their big orchard.

Hon P S Stovall, prominent candidate for Governor, spoke a few minutes to a small sized crowd last Saturday morning. He was on his way to fill a date south of here but the car breaking down had to stop over for a few minutes. He left on the train for Mathiston.

Mr Elliott Parker of Houston was in town Saturday.

Hon Jeff Bushy of Houston was in town last Saturday.

You can get filtered gasoline at the Cash Grocery Company at 15c per gallon.

Threshing is all the go now.

Hon Mesley Williams, one of the happy candidates for tax assessor, is smiling with the voters of the Houlika community this week.

Mr Wade Burgess and son, Roland are still on the job with the thresher. They have coaxed the machinery into a rate of 80 bushels of oats per hour and 48 of wheat and if they can keep up that rate for a few weeks the amount of grain handled will materially aid the pocketbooks and stomachs of the whole country. From Mr Ingram's field where the yield was above the average, or about 15 bushels to the acre, they went to the fields of the Marion Boys to make another good run of fine wheat. From this place they go to Calhoun county for more big runs of both wheat and oats. This evidence of prosperity looks good to the fact that that you can't eat cotton and that cotton is not the whole show anyhow. The Hummer hands them now a glad hand of thanks for getting BUSY with the good old song "I'm Livin' at Home."

Hon J E Harrington, prominent in the race for County Attorney, rode among the voters of Houlika community last week.

Messrs Jodie Lester, Stanton Stewart and Claude Thomas were pleasant visitors in the Harrill-Reed home last Sunday afternoon.

We wish to correct a mistake made last week, that Stanton Stewart was a candidate for Supervisor. He informs us that he is not a candidate. We regret very much this mistake.

Dr Robin Harris, son of Mr and Mrs J M Harris motored to Houlika last week. Harly Harris returned with him to Swan Lake for a big hunt of "grizzlum" bears.

The "Old Miss" Concert Company featuring the "Old Miss" Quartette is to be here Saturday, 26th, 8 p m, at the school building.

Rev E M Verrell smiled into Houlika last week and while here gave us a very pleasant call. He is spoken of very highly by his friends and supporters and is making his race for Representative in a quiet and dignified manner.

Thanks and thanks again for continued peaches from Mr Jim Harris.

Prof. J. J. Weaver, our genial and competent principal returned from Oxford few days ago with renewed inspiration for the calling he loves so well. He was glad to see that over 325 students were enrolled for the Summer Normal and that under the wise guidance of Chancellor Powers the wisdom works were carefully and eagerly teaching teachers how to teach teachable teachings. Especially did he enjoy the High School Conference, for the Houlika School is now affiliated with the University thru Prof. Weaver's influence and hard work. The people of Houlika have great reason to congratulate and to THANK Prof. Weaver for his business session of the school, and for the sound basis which now stands upon for the next year. After paying the heavy expenses of the last season he turned \$250 back to help cover an old debt and used the last \$20 of the year's balance to repair the window ledges and parts of the brick work around the building. This work was done by friendly Charlie Morris and is a credit to him and a much better appearance all around. Be sure to read the new catalog of our school and BOOST it from now on.

Notice to Contractors

State of Mississippi,

Chickasaw County.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of said county, will on the First Monday and the 5th day of July, 1915, receive bids for the following work: in front of the Court House door in the Town of Houston, Miss.,

1000 feet of Gravel & Grading on the Buena Vista & Egypt road, according to plans and specifications, now on file in the Chancery Clerks' office at Houston, Miss. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Witness my signature this the 16th day of June 1915.

H. E. Brannon, Clerk.

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W. H. GRIFFIN

P. O. Box 145 - Houlika, Miss.

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Pittsboro, Miss.